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Serial No.: 09/916,780

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For: Methods For The Controlled,
Automatic Excision of Heterologous DNA-
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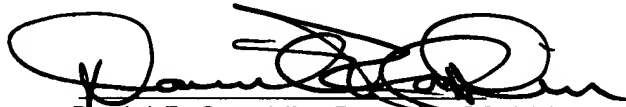
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the materials listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. A copy of the International Search Report issued in the corresponding PCT application is enclosed in which the references enclosed are cited. Applicants wish to point out that U.S. Patent 5,977,441 and the Sugita et al., article were listed in Information Disclosure Statements previously submitted in the above-identified application and therefore have not been included with this submission.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed to be a representation that a search has been conducted, nor shall it be construed as an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks indicating consideration of the cited materials.

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